

DLR Group & DLR Group WWCOT Design Expertise

DLR Group’s promise is to elevate the human experience through design. WWCOT’s focus is to deliver environments that create a new sense of excitement and passion in everyone who visits, studies, works or resides within. This merger will fuel a collaboration of two similar design cultures, committed to providing professional and personal opportunities for people and sustainable design for clients.

The WWCOT merger strengthens existing DLR Group practices areas; elevates the firm’s design excellence; increases the depth and experience of senior leadership; enhances the cultural diversity of the firm; and adds new revenue streams. DLR Group now has 18 domestic offices and a DLR Group WWCOT office in Shanghai, China.

SUSTAINABLE COMMITMENT – Designing a sustainable future is a core belief at WWCOT. The firm’s vision is green practice as a holistic endeavor and designs to balance energy efficiency and resource conservation with the essentials of budget and program requirements. Similarly, DLR Group champions sustainable design through its integrated design process and investment in tools critical for sustainable design including renewable energy systems and energy modeling. DLR Group is fully committed to the initiatives and objectives of Architecture 2030 and an initial signatory of the AIA 2030 Commitment.

DESIGN EXPERTISE – DLR Group and WWCOT have received 170 design awards during the past three years. The joining of the firms enhances the range and depth of services that DLR Group and DLR Group WWCOT can offer clients in local markets and across the country.

DLR Group Design Expertise

K-12 Education
Higher Education
Corporate
Justice
Sports

WWCOT Design Expertise

K-12 Education
Higher Education
Healthcare
Civic
Senior Residential Communities
Architectural Forensics

DLR Group is recognized as a national leader in K-12 Education design, pioneering some of the newest thinking in the areas of learning environments, design’s influence on student learning, and assimilating sustainable design with curriculums. WWCOT’s award-winning K-12 design enhances this leadership position.

WWCOT’s experience and achievement in Higher Education elevates DLR Group’s competitive position on campuses across the country. WWCOT’s master planning expertise adds to the depth of services DLR Group can offer collegiate clients, while DLR Group’s Sports practice, with its understanding of the fiscal challenges facing many athletic departments, adds to the services WWCOT can provide existing clients in California.

WWCOT's experience in Healthcare is a design expertise that can travel to other DLR Group offices to meet the needs of new and existing clients in local markets across the country. WWCOT's in-depth technical knowledge and sensitive design approach results in healing environments that provide state-of-the-art patient care and a warm and comforting experience.

DLR Group's Justice design is recognized as a national detention and corrections design leader with public and private sector clients. DLR Group's depth of Justice resources, and knowledge of the unique challenges for corrections clients at a local, regional, and state level can now be offered to communities and private sector clients throughout California and is a natural complement to WWCOT's Civic design resume.

Joining DLR Group, WWCOT also has access to a full range of in-house engineering services. DLR Group WWCOT can offer clients structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering design to assemble true integrated design teams.

STRENGTHEN THE FIRM, ELEVATE THE CULTURE – By joining DLR Group, WWCOT aligns with a national design firm to enhance its competitive position in California. As DLR Group WWCOT the firm can access new geographic markets enabling it to share its K-12 and Higher Education design expertise with clients across the nation. The firm adds award winning engineering, Justice, and Sports design to its current service offerings, adding new revenue streams and diversifying its business model.

With the merger, DLR Group gains an established, diverse, award winning design firm presence in Southern California. New practice sectors of Healthcare, Civic, Architectural Forensics, and Senior Residential Communities add to the firm's national design offering. An office in Shanghai gives DLR Group a presence in Asia for potential growth overseas.

The merger also enhances both the depth and diversity of design leadership and professional experience at both firms. WWCOT is one of the most ethnically diverse groups of professionals in the design community. Design professionals hail from all corners of the world and collectively speak more than 20 languages. This multitude of experiences and backgrounds improves DLR Group's ability to assist clients in engaging and meeting the needs of diverse communities across the nation.